

**In The Claims:**

Claim 1 has been amended and is as follows:

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1. A method of treating an individual suffering from incontinence, the method comprising the step of administering to the individual a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising a compound having a pharmacological selectivity of serotonin ( $K_i$ )/norepinephrine ( $K_i$ ) of at least about 5000.

Claims 18-31 have been canceled, without prejudice.

Claims 38 and 39 have been amended and are as follows:

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38. A method of preventing incontinence in an individual, the method comprising the step of administering to the individual a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising a compound having a pharmacological selectivity of serotonin ( $K_i$ )/norepinephrine ( $K_i$ ) of at least about 5000.

39. A method of treating ~~treating~~ incontinence in an individual while diminishing adverse side effects, the method comprising the step of administering to the individual a total dose of about 0.1 to about 10 mg/day of an optically pure (S,S) reboxetine, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, said optically pure (S,S) reboxetine being substantially free of (R,R) reboxetine.

Claim 41 has been amended and is as follows:

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41. A method of treating or preventing incontinence, the method comprising the step of administering a therapeutically effective dose of racemic reboxetine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof to an individual.

Claims 42, 43, 52, and 53 have been canceled, without prejudice.

Claims 54-57 are newly added and are as follows:

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54. The method of claim 1, wherein incontinence is selected from the group consisting of stress incontinence, genuine stress incontinence, and mixed incontinence.

55. The method of claim 38, wherein incontinence is selected from the group consisting of stress incontinence, genuine stress incontinence, and mixed incontinence.

56. The method of claim 39, wherein incontinence is selected from the group consisting of stress incontinence, genuine stress incontinence, and mixed incontinence.

57. The method of claim 41, wherein incontinence is selected from the group consisting of stress incontinence, genuine stress incontinence, and mixed incontinence.

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